

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-two bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1553–1584, S. Res. 214–217, and S. Con. Res. 18.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 151, to deter criminal robocall violations and improve enforcement of section 227(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–41)

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#### Measures Passed:

**Gold Star Family Tax Relief Act:** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 1370, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain military survivor benefits as earned income for purposes of the kiddie tax, and the bill was then passed.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the papers relative to S. 1370, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain military survivor benefits as earned income for purposes of the kiddie tax, be held at the desk; that if the House of Representatives passes a bill identical to the text of S. 1370, passed by the Senate, the House bill be considered read a third time and passed, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; and that upon passage of the House bill, S. 1370 be indefinitely postponed.

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**Recognizing Global Positioning System:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 216, recognizing the contributions made by the men and women of the Air Force who are responsible for operating and maintaining the Global Positioning System constellation and affirming the importance of continuous availability, accuracy, efficiency, robustness, reliability, and resiliency of the Global Positioning System constellation.

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#### Appointments:

**Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Deborah Skaggs Speth of Kentucky.

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**Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Secretary of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 101–509, the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Sheryl B. Vogt of Georgia.

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**Nielson Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Howard C. Nielson, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 119), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

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**Clark Nomination—Cloture:** By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 120), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Stephen R. Clark, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

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**Nichols Nomination—Cloture:** By 55 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 121), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Carl J. Nichols, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

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**Bell Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Kenneth D. Bell, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 122), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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**Nielson, Clark, Nichols, and Bell Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the confirmation votes on the nominations of Howard C. Nielson, Jr., Stephen R. Clark, Sr., Carl J. Nichols, and Kenneth D. Bell occur at 4:30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

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**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 118), Daniel P. Collins, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Gary Richard Brown, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Stephanie A. Gallagher, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Diane Gujarati, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Eric Ross Komitee, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Rachel P. Kovner, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Lewis J. Liman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Mary S. McElroy, of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island.

Martha Maria Pacold, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Mary M. Rowland, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Steven C. Seeger, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

John L. Sinatra, Jr., of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York.

Mary Kay Vyskocil, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

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**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—122)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:41 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S3012–13.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate change and the agriculture sector, after receiving testimony from Debbie Lyons-Blythe, Blythe Family Farms, LLC, White City, Kansas, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Frank Mitloehner, University of California Department of Animal Science, Davis; Matt Rezac, Rezac Farms, Weston, Nebraska; and former Secretary of Agriculture Thomas J. Vilsack, United States Dairy Export Council, Arlington, Virginia.

### AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.

### AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2020.

### AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel approved for full committee consideration